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Congresswoman Matsui Announces \$275,940 for Sacramento State University
Money Will Aid Low-income, First-generation, or Disabled College Students

SACRAMENTO, CA— Congresswoman Doris Matsui (D-Sacramento) announced today that California State University, Sacramento's Student Support Services (SSS) Program will receive an award of \$275,940 from the Department of Education. These funds were awarded through a competitive grant program and provide support and assistance to low-income, first-generation, or disabled college students in order to ensure they remain in school and graduate. SSS Program services may include instruction in basic study skills, tutorial services, personal counseling, financial aid assistance, career guidance, and mentoring.

"I am excited that Sacramento State will receive this award and be able to further their efforts in supporting at-risk students," said Rep. Matsui. "It is imperative that we empower our educational institutions with the financial resources they need to support their students, specifically those who are at risk of falling through the cracks."

"This Federal grant recognizes the work and support Sacramento State gives to students with disabilities and will enable us to continue to improve upon services to those who are in need, helping them reach their goal of graduation," said Melissa Repa, Project Director of Student Support Services at Sacramento State. "We're excited and grateful that we'll be able to continue the program."

Sacramento State President Alexander Gonzalez added, "Sacramento State is proud of our Student Support Services for the Disabled. This program helps our disabled students succeed and furthers the University's strategic goals of diversity and access to a quality education. Congresswoman Matsui's efforts to secure this grant, and her continued support for all Sacramento State students, are greatly appreciated."

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